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A NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT  
WITH A SUPPORTING SUBSTRATE AND  
A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A NITRIDE  
SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
of Serial No. 10/351,497,  
Filed January 27, 2003)

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  - d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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